

March 29, 2018

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on March 29, 2018, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Kroshus and Fedorchak.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of March 14, 2018, be approved.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Blaster Re-Certification

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve blaster re-certification for the following applicants:

Applicant	Affiliation	Certificate No.
Erick Gisvold	Freedom Mine	12-04-335-R(2)
Clark Kranz	Freedom Mine	09-08-316-R(3)
Tracy Mellmer	Freedom Mine	12-04-336-R(2)
Richard Schimke	Freedom Mine	09-08-312-R(3)
Kelwayne Westman	Freedom Mine	09-08-315-R(3)
Jodey Houn	BNI Coal	12-09-338-R(2)
Benjamin R. Nelson	BNI Coal	15-04-373-R(1)
Brad Teigen	BNI Coal	15-04-375-R(1)
Duaine Peterson	Falkirk Mine	12-09-341-R(2)

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-339

Siting

Rulemaking

Case No. GS-17-370

Pipeline Safety

Rulemaking

Case No. PU-17-371

Wind Decommissioning

Rulemaking

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order Submitting Rules to Attorney General for an opinion as to legality in Public Service Commission, Siting, Rulemaking, Case No. PU-17-339, Public Service Commission, Pipeline Safety, Rulemaking, Case No. GS-17-370, and Public Service Commission, Wind Decommissioning, Rulemaking, Case No. PU-17-371.

Section 69-06-08-01 Energy Conversion Facility Siting Criteria

Chapter 69-06-11 Wind Energy Conversion Facility Lighting Systems

Section 69-09-03-02 Adoption of Regulations

Section 69-09-09-10 Wind Energy Conversion Facility - Waiver

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-18-99

Scott R. Bachmeier

Auctioneer

License Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Scott R. Bachmeier, Rhame, North Dakota.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-16-684  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,  
a Division of MDU Resources  
Oasis Petroleum - Mountrail County  
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Oasis Petroleum – Mountrail County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-16-684.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-89  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,  
a Division of MDU Resources  
Tax Reform Effects  
Rates

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission suspend the rates filed in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Tax Reform Effects, Rates, Case No. PU-18-89.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-18-98  
North Central Farmers Elevator  
Facility-Based Grain Buyer –  
Hague, ND  
Discontinue Business

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue the Order Granting Request to Discontinue Business in North Central Farmers Elevator, Facility-Based Grain Buyer – Hague, ND, Discontinue Business, Case No. GE-18-98.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-18-87  
Agtegra Cooperative  
Facility-Based Grain Buyer –  
Berlin, ND  
Discontinue Business

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue the Order Granting Request to Discontinue Business in Agtegra Cooperative, Facility-Based Grain Buyer – Berlin, ND, Discontinue Business, Case No. GE-18-87.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-91  
North Dakota Network Co.  
Designated Eligible Carrier  
Cancellation / Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue the Notice of Opportunity for Comment in North Dakota Network Co., Designated Eligible Carrier, Cancellation / Application, Case No. PU-18-91.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-12-813  
Northern States Power Company  
2013 Electric Rate Increase  
Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Intent to Close Proceedings in the captioned Northern States Power Company Cases PU-12-813; PU-13-706; PU-13-707; PU-13-708; PU-13-742; PU-13-743; PU-13-194; and PU-13-195.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-13-194  
Northern States Power Company  
Advance Prudence - NG Generators  
Application

Case No. PU-13-195  
Northern States Power Company  
Red River Valley NG Units 1 & 2 -  
Hankinson, ND  
Public Convenience & Necessity

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Case No. PU-13-706  
Northern States Power Company  
Advance Prudence - Courtenay Wind  
Application

Case No. PU-13-707  
Northern States Power Company  
Advance Prudence - Odell Wind Pjc  
Application

Case No. PU-13-708  
Northern States Power Company  
Advance Prudence-Pleasant Valley  
Application

Case No. PU-13-742  
Northern States Power Company  
Advance Prudence - Border Winds  
Application

Case No. PU-13-743  
Northern States Power Company  
150 MW Border Winds Project –  
Rolette County, ND  
Public Convenience & Necessity

Case No. PU-17-96  
Otter Tail Power Company  
Minn-Kota Ag Products Inc. –  
Richland County  
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in Otter Tail Power Company, Minn-Kota Ag Products, Inc. – Richland County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-17-96.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-270  
Northern States Power Company  
Advance Prudence - Biomass PPAs  
Application

Case No. PU-17-271  
Northern States Power Company  
Deferred Accounting - Biomass PPAs  
Application

Case No. PU-17-322  
Northern States Power Company  
Deferred Accounting - Laurentian PPA  
Termination  
Application

Case No. PU-18-72  
Andeavor Field Services LLC  
8" & 6" NGL Pipelines –  
McKenzie, Billings, Stark  
Siting Application

Case No. PU-18-72  
Andeavor Field Services LLC  
8" & 6" NGL Pipelines –  
McKenzie, Billings, Stark  
Siting Application

New Hire - AML Seasonal Inspector

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Consolidated Hearing in Northern States Power Company, Advance Prudence - Biomass PPAs, Application, Case No. PU-17-270; Northern States Power Company, Deferred Accounting - Biomass PPAs, Application, Case No. PU-17-271; and Northern States Power Company, Deferred Accounting, Laurentian PPA Termination, Application, Case No. PU-17-322.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission deem complete the consolidated application for a corridor certificate and a route permit and issue a Notice of Filing and Public Hearing in Andeavor Field Services LLC, 8" & 6" NGL Pipelines – McKenzie, Billings, Stark, Siting Application, Case No. PU-18-72.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission retain Zachary Pelham to provide legal services to assist the Commission in processing Andeavor Field Services LLC, 8" & 6" NGL Pipelines, McKenzie, Billings, Stark Counties, Siting Application, Case No. PU-18-72.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission acknowledge the hiring of James Thornburg for seasonal part-time employment as a Project Inspector in the AML Division for a period of employment starting June 4, 2018, and ending no later than December 31, 2018, at a salary of \$25.00 per hour plus time and a half for hours worked in excess of the standard 40 hour work week.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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Case No. PU-18-78  
Red Lake Builders Inc.  
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission appoint John Schuh and Victor Schock as advocacy effective February 26, 2018, in Public Service Commission, Red Lake Builders Inc., Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-18-78.

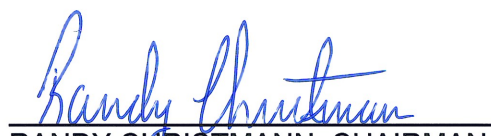
Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:21 A.M.

  
Executive Secretary

  
RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIRMAN